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IDEALIST JACKSON

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1. RE PARA 2 REF. HQS JACKSONS DISAPPOINTED IN PROPOSED CHANGE IN SCHEDULE. FOLLOWING REASONS GIVEN:

A. IT IS FELT THAT THE TIME BETWEEN SURVEY IN LATE AUGUST AND DEPLOYMENT DATES IN OCTOBER WOULD BE TOO COMPRESSED. [REDACTED] HAD PLANNED TO APPROACH [REDACTED] WITH PLAN INCLUDING DETAILS OF OPS ORDER IN AUGUST. SUBSEQUENT TO POLITICAL AGREEMENT AT THIS LEVELN [REDACTED] WILL WISH TO CONSULT [REDACTED]

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B. ESSENTIAL THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEPLOYMENT BE CONDUCTED IN SLOW TIME AT THIS END TO ENSURE FEELING BY POLITICIANS THAT EXERCISE WILL BE ORDERLY AND QUOTE ROUTINE UNQUOTE APPEARANCE. MUST AVOID TYPE IMAGE CREATED BY LATE CHANGES AND LAST-MINUTE PRSSURES ON POLITICAL TYPES.

C. IF YOU CONSIDER IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONDUCT BASE SURVEY IN JULY, THE DEPLOYMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE DELAYED UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE TIME FOR POLITICAL STAFFING

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AND AGREEMENTS. ANOTHER RAMIFICATION CONCERNING DELAY IS

BASE WEATHER AT [REDACTED] WHICH CAN BE EXPECTED IN NOVEMBER

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TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF DAYS WITH LOW CLOUD OR FOG AND POOR VISIBILITY.

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A FURTHER DELAY BEYOND NOVEMBER, THEN

BECAUSE OF UNPREDICTABLE WINTER WEATHER, THE [REDACTED] MIGHT

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POSSIBLY WISH TO DELAY UNTIL SPRING '69. THERE MAY ALSO BE

THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTING EXERCISES AT [REDACTED]

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D. [REDACTED] WISHES TO BE IN [REDACTED] DURING PERIOD

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OF SURVEY. HIS PRESENT PLANS FOR LEAVE (5-23 AUGUST) INTERLOCK

WITH OTHER SENIOR [REDACTED] OFFICERS AND THUS WOULD BE SUBJECT

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TO CANCELLATION BUT NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGE. HE PREFERS THEREFORE
THAT SURVEY DOES NOT TAKE PLACE BETWEEN THESE DATES.

2. SUGGEST AS ALTERNATIVE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE

BASE SURVEY BY A SERIES OF VISITS--MATERIEL SURVEY ASAP

FOLLOWED BY [REDACTED] AS EARLY AS FEASIBLE.

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OPS ORDER COULD THEN BE HANDCARRIED FOR COORDINATION. IN

ANY EVENT JACSONS FEEL THAT THEY MUST BE IN RECEIPT OF

JOINTLY AGREED OPS ORDER BY 15 AUGUST IF DEPLOYMENT IS TO

OCCUR IN OCTOBER AS PLANNED.

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3. SPEAKING IN AMORE GENERAL SNSE THAN ABOVE AND FROM MY FAMILIARITY WITH STAFFING PROCEDURES HERE, FEEL THAT JACKSONS VIEWS ARE REASONABLE AND CORRECT. MUCH TEDIOUS WORK HAS GONE INTO LEVEL OF PROGRESS TO DATE, AND I FEEL THAT IF IT AT ALL PRACTICABLE THE MOMENTUM NOW BEHIND THE EFFORT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. THE THOUGHT OF ANY DISRUPTION RAISES IMMEDIATELY CONCERNS OVER THE POSSIBILITIES OF POLITICAL HAZARDS AND BASE SCHEDULING AND WEATHER PROBLEMS WHICH COULD RESULT IN COMPOUNDING DELAYS.

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